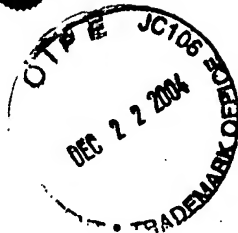


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated November 18, 2004. I submit the following amendments, from the next paper to page 5, in the above identified application.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Zhu".

Tom Yuxin Zhu